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I love it! Thank you for sending me this! Where did it appear? What's "What's New"? And what about the Jan 11 cite it mentions? Is it true that the NPR actually appeared in toto on web sites? That should happen, but I'm not holding my breath for the New York Times to publish the whole report, as it should.

The fact is that I regarded this as one of the most important leaks in a generation, and I'm honored to be associated with whoever-it-was. I love the last comment—which is, regrettably, a very unusual observation—which needs saying over and over to counter the momentum of the Ashcroft drive for an Official Secrets Act (and Rumsfeld).

I've long said that in order to legitimize Unauthorized Disclosures—we need many more of them, not less—there should be a Pulitzer Prize for the most significant Leak of the year. No money, and if the source doesn't want to be disclosed, the newsperson serving as the channel can nominate, and receive the award in their name. (So as not to be self-serving, I propose this not be retroactive. But I wouldn't mind if the award consisted of an idealized nude statuette to be known popularly as the Daniel. And ideally it would be awarded where the Academy Awards used to be given, in the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium; which is across Main Street from the Rand Corporation).

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